



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 00-1237-A)

PATENT

In the Application of:

Rajgarhia *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/992,430

Filed: November 23, 2001

For: METHODS AND MATERIALS  
FOR SYNTHESIS OF ORGANIC  
PRODUCTS

Before the Examiner:

Group Art Unit:

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
MAILED JUNE 12, 2003

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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, mailed June 12, 2003, Applicant elects to prosecute claims 1, 3-4, and 7-15, designated as Group I by the Examiner.

Applicants request that the Examiner rejoin claims 16-23, designated as Group III and examine these claims with the pending claims relating to the yeast lactic dehydrogenase (LDH) of SEQ ID NO. 22 hereby elected for prosecution. Applicants respectfully contend that, if there is no prior art relating to recombinant nucleic acid encoding this yeast LDH of the invention, there will not be prior art regarding using this novel recombinant nucleic acid to produce LDH. Applicants thus request reconsideration of the restriction requirement and favorable action on this request.

If Examiner Pak believes it to be helpful, he or she is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at (312) 913-0001.

Date: July 14, 2003

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Respectfully submitted,  
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Sir:

In regard to the above identified application:

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Response to Restriction Requirement, and return postcard

2. No additional fee is required.
3. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4. CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and this paper, as described in paragraph 1 herein above, are being sent by U.S. Postal Service as "Express Mail" in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2003.

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